teachers, a contextually relevant curriculum and greater involvement of parents and local communities in the functioning of schools.

Children deprived of Elementary Education

†243. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present 55 per cent children in the country are deprived of elementary education;

(b) if so, the State-wise number/percentage of such children;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the children of elementary education belong to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, by when arrangements to provide elementary education to them would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir. As per most recent surveys, 70% of the children in age group 6—14 years are attending schools.

(b) The State-wise figures from National Sample Survey 52nd Round 1995-96 is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) According to available information the difference of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students belonging to general category and those of SC/ST is between 5 to 10 per cent only.

(d) The Government proposes to launch the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to universalise elementary education in the mission mode following a holistic and convegent approach, with special emphasis on children belonging to SC/ST, in order to bring every 6—14 age child to a School/EGS/Back to School Camp by 2003 and to provide eight years of elementary education by 2010.

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Statement

National Sample Survey Organization 52nd Round 1995-96
Age Specific Attendance Ratio by Broad Age Group in General Education

State/U.T.	Broad Age Group of Students	
	6—10	11—13
Andhra Pradesh	75	80
Arunachal Pradesh	65	82
Assam	73	80
Bihar	43	53
Goa	99	89
Gujarat	80	77
Haryana	83	87
Himachal Pradesh	91	94
Jammu & Kashmir	69	82
Karnataka	75	70
Kerala	97	97
Madhya Pradesh	64	67
Maharashtra	88	85
Manipur	69	87
Meghalaya	69	94
Mizoram	71	88
Nagaland	71	85
Orissa	63	66
Punjab	85	86
Rajasthan	58	64
Sikkim	77	90
Tamil Nadu	91	74
Tripura	81	84

State/U.T.	Broad Age Group of Students	
	6—10	11—13
Uttar Pradesh	61	66
West Bengal	67	74
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	94	94
Chandigarh	87	95
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	79	55
Daman & Diu	100	76
Delhi	84	95
Lakshadweep	97	98
Pondicherry	98	93
ALL INDIA	69	72

Rules for Appointment of Senior Vice-Chairman of KVS

†244. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 478, given in Rajya Sabha on the 3rd December, 1999 and state:

(a) whether the proposed amendment in the rules of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for appointment of Senior Vice-Chairman has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the position/capacity of the Minister of State in the Ministry of Education with regard to the Sangathan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) Government has approved the proposed amendment of the Rules of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to provide for the nomination by the Government of India of a Deputy Chairman of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The nomination of the

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